(vii) To enter into counter and/or extend commodity assistance in the form of foodgrains to other countries on terms to be decided on a case-to-case basis. The decisions at S. No. (ii) to (vii) above will be valid upto 31.3.2003

**Declining trend in consumption and expenditure on food**

5305. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) where it is a fact that 55th Round (1999-2000) of National Sample Survey (NSS) on house-hold consumption confirmed declining trend in consumption, expenditure on food;

(b) if so, the details of the findings of the survey;

(c) whether it is also a fact consumption of other non-cereal food like fruits\vegetables, milk, eggs have gone up; and

(d) if so, what measures Government propose to take to reorient agriculture policies like cropping pattern, food precurement in view of the above findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFARIS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the 55th round of the National Sample Survey, the percentage of monthly per capita Consumer expenditure (MPCE) on Food including cereals has gone down as compared to the 50th round both in rural and urban areas as shown in Statement I and II (*see* below). The percentage monthly per capita consumption expenditure (MPCE) on non-cereals food like fruits, vegetables, milk and eggs has gone up as comprared to cereals as per the 55th round of the National Sample Survey.

(d) during the last two years, relatively higher MSPs have been given for coarse cereals, oilseeds and pulses in order to encourage farmers to diversify from normal rice-wheat cropping system.

***Statement-I***

*Percentage Distribution of MPCE by 18 groups of consumption items over NSS rounds in rural areas.*

| item | 27th round | 32nd round | 38th round | 43rd round | 50th round | 55th round |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| cereals | 40.6 | 32.8 | 32.3 | 26.3 | 24.2 | 22.2 |
| gram | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| cereals subst. | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| pulese & prod. | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| milk & prod. | 7.3 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 8.6 | 9.5 | 8.8 |
| edible oil | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 3.7 |
| meat, egg, fish | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| vegetables | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 6.2 |
| furits & nuts | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Sugar | 3.8 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.4 |
| salt & spices | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| beverages etc. | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| food total | 72.9 | 64.3 | 65.6 | 64.0 | 63.2 | 59.4 |
| pan, tobacco & intoxicants | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 |
| fuel & light | 5.6 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.5 |
| clothing | 7.0 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 6.9 |
| footwear | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| misc. goods & services* | 8.7 | 10.3 | 12.5 | 14.5 | 17.3 | 19.6 |
| durable goods | 2.2 | 7.0 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| non-food total | 27.1 | 35.7 | 34.4 | 36.0 | 36.8 | 40.6 |
| total expenditure | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

*includes rents and taxes

27th round—October 1972 to September 1973
32nd round—July 1977 to June 1978
38th round—January 1983 to December 1983
43rd round—July 1987 to June 1988
50th round—July 1993 to June 1994
55th round—July 1999 to June 2000

***Statement - II***

*Percentage Distribution of MPCE by 18 groups of consumption item over NSS rounds in urban areas*

| item | 27th round | 32nd round | 38th round | 43rd round | 50th round | 55th round |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| cereals | 23.2 | 20.5 | 19.4 | 15.0 | 14.0 | 12.4 |
| gram | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| cereal subst. | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| pulses & prod. | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| milk & prod. | 9.3 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 9.8 | 8.7 |
| edible oil | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 3.1 |
| meat, egg, fish | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.1 |
| vegetables | 4.4 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.1 |
| fruits & nuts | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.4 |
| sugar | 3.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.6 |
| salt & spices | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.2 |
| beverages etc. | 7.6 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 6.4 |
| food total | 64.5 | 60.6 | 59.1 | 56.4 | 54.7 | 48.1 |
| pan, tobacco & intoxicants | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| fuel & light | 5.6 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.8 |
| clothing | 5.3 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 6.1 |
| footwear. | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| misc. goods & services* | 19.2 | 14.6 | 20.5 | 23.2 | 27.5 | 27.2 |
| durable goods | 2.2 | 8.9 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| non-food total | 35.5 | 40.0 | 40.9 | 43.6 | 45.3 | 51.9 |
| total expenditure | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

* includes rents and texes

27th round—October 1972 to September 1973
32nd round—July 1977 to June 1978
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